

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(currently amended)* ~~Cutting device~~ A trench wall cutter for cutting trenches in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench wall cutter having
 - at least one cutting wheel drivable in rotary manner and
 - at least one first cutting element, located on the cutting wheel, for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein
 - on the cutting wheel is provided at least one second cutting element for removing soil material in an oppositely directed, second rotation direction,
 - at least one of the cutting elements is displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and a retracted, second position and
 - a control device is provided for the displacement of the cutting elements between the first position and the second position.
2. *(original)* ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting element and the second cutting element are displaceable.

3. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ wherein the second cutting element can be displaced into the other position by the control device during the displacement of the first cutting element.
4. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device has a drive for displacing the cutting elements.
5. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device is operable by a force exerted by the outcropping ground during rotary operation.
6. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device has at least one pivoted lever positioned on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel.
7. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has a pivot axis provided parallel to a rotation axis of the cutting wheel.
8. (currently amended) ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever is constructed symmetrically to the pivot axis.

9. *(currently amended)* ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the first and second cutting elements are arranged pairwise on the pivoted lever.
10. *(currently amended)* ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has at least one stop which engages on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel for limiting a control path of the pivoted lever.
11. *(currently amended)* ~~Cutting device~~ The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the cutting elements is a cutting tooth with a unilaterally formed cutting edge.
12. *(new)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein there are two cutting wheels, the cutting wheels being constructed in directly juxtaposed manner with parallel rotation axes.
13. *(new)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, further comprising a frame, and wherein there are two cutting wheels positioned at the bottom of the frame and fixed to the frame in rotary manner.